

In the claims:

Please add claims 24 - 29. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A DNA selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) DNA comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1; and
 - (b) DNA that is the complement of DNA that is capable of hybridization to a DNA of (a) under conditions of high stringency and which is ~~at least 98% identical to SEQ ID NO:1~~ encodes a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
2. (original) DNA comprising nucleotide residues 112-585 of SEQ ID NO:1.
3. (previously presented) The DNA of claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide that encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
4. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 1.
5. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 2.
6. (original) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 3.
7. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 4.
8. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 5.
9. (original) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 6.
10. (original) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 7 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.

Claims 11 through 23 cancelled.

24. (new) A DNA comprising a polynucleotide that encodes the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein the polypeptide has an amino terminus selected from the group consisting of

amino acids 1 through 5, and a carboxy terminus selected from the group consisting of amino acids 153 through 157, of SEQ ID NO:2.

25. (new) An expression vector comprising a DNA of claim 24.
26. (new) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 25.
27. (new) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 8 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.
28. (new) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 9 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.
29. (new) A process for preparing a polypeptide, the process comprising culturing a host cell of claim 26 under conditions that promote expression of the polypeptide.